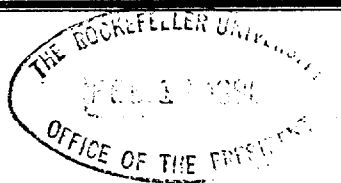

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Dear Dr. Lederberg,

Thank you for your recent letter and for the copy of your article that we would like to reproduce in the Recombinant DNA Scrapbook.

In your second note you rightly point out that a sentence in the piece I wrote for TIBS on the work of Griffith was misleading. I must say that when I wrote the piece after having read Griffith's rather long original articles I found it difficult to condense his work into the few hundred words in TIBS, but I do agree with you that Griffith realised as you say, "that the transformation could not concern merely the capsular polysaccharide, but must involve the machinery for its formation".

I am reluctant to publish in TIBS a footnote, not because it was I who made the error but because the article was published so long ago, November 1978. It occurs to me that a much more attractive way to make the correction is to invite you to write something for TIBS on the history of genetic transformation. Would you be prepared to do that? I would be happy if in any article you wrote you specifically refer to and correct the error I made. ✓

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

John Tooze